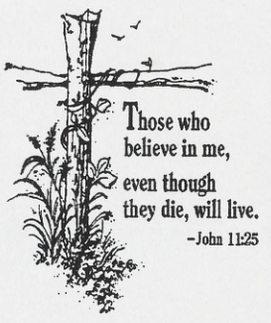




Home Going Celebration
for
Mother Mable Bates

Saturday, November 29, 1997
11:00 A. M.

Mount Olive Church of God In Christ
1385 East 21st Street
Los Angeles, California



Elder Lazell Rodgers
Officiant




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ed shall be saved

Reflections

Sunrise : April 16, 1917 Sunset : November 22, 1997

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the spirit, they shall rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13

Late Saturday evening, on November 22, 1997 at 7:40 p.m., Mother Mable Bates was called from labor to a peaceful rest. For to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Mother Bates was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Newsome and Coriene Yarbrough. She was the third child of eight children (two brothers preceded her in death).

She was saved at an early age and was a faithful member of the Midway Baptist Church until she met and married Johnny Bates in 1936, (he preceded her in death). To this union six children were born: one daughter, Johnnie Mae Turner preceded her in death. Mother Bates was a God-fearing woman who truly loved the Lord.

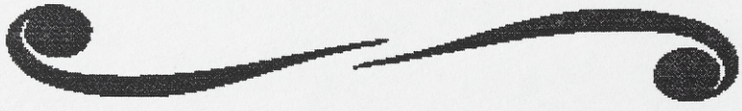
In 1942 the family moved to Los Angeles and joined the church at 51st and Holmes, known as Mt. Olive Church of God In Christ under the leadership of the Late Bishop E. B. Stewart. She has been a faithful member of Mt. Olive for the past fifty-five years, and dearly loved her church and present pastor, Superintendent J. C. Brewster.

She has been an ardent worker in the church, doing whatever she was asked to do. She has worked faithfully with the Deaconess Board and the Bureau of Benevolence until her health began to fail.

Mother Bates taught her children well and trained them up in the church, in the fear and admonishment of the Lord. Mother Bates was a strong woman full of faith and courage, who with the help of the Lord, has persevered many trials and tribulations.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory four daughters: Betty Bates, Viola Pack, Iva Worthen (Edward), and Barbara Banks. Her son Troid Bates (Renee); one granddaughter, five grandsons and five great-grandsons. Five sisters: Phoebe Thornton of St. Louis Missouri, Matry Stockton of Los Angeles, Vera Wilson, Eurie Summerfield, and Bobbie Jean Long all of Shreveport, Louisiana. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends and her Mt. Olive family.

We loved her and will miss her, but God loved her best. Just another soldier gone home to get her reward.





Repast: Robbins Memorial Church of God In Christ
3868 West 54th Street - Los Angeles
Elder Emmanuel Collins, Host Pastor

CELEBRATION of LIFE

Elder Raymond Pillars - Presiding Moderator

Prayer ..... Superintendent J. C. Brewster

Processional
Beautiful Garden of Prayer

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23:1-4 ..... Elder James Smith
New Testament ... Revelation 21:1-4 ..... Elder Peter Luke

Selection ... *"I'm Free"* ..... Combined Choirs

Words of Exhortation ..... Superintendent J. C. Brewster

Solo ... *"Because He Lives"* ..... Mary Kinney
Mother Bates Oldest Niece

Remarks ... 2 minutes please ..... Lola Coulter
Mother Thelma Williams

Selection ... *"I'll Say Yes"* ..... Combined Choirs

Remarks ... 2 minutes please ..... Shirley Robbins
Minister Joel James
Elder James Smith

Solo ... *"I Won't Complain"* ..... Mary Floyd

Family Tribute ..... Anthony Pack
Mother Bates 2nd Grandson

Selection ... *"I Love To Praise Him"* ..... Combined Choirs

Acknowledgements / Resolutions ..... Martha Cooper

Reflections ..... Nancy Wright

Sermonic Solo ... *"It Is Well"* ..... Dorothy Estes

Eulogy ..... Elder Lazell Rodgers

Parting View

Recessional



Internment
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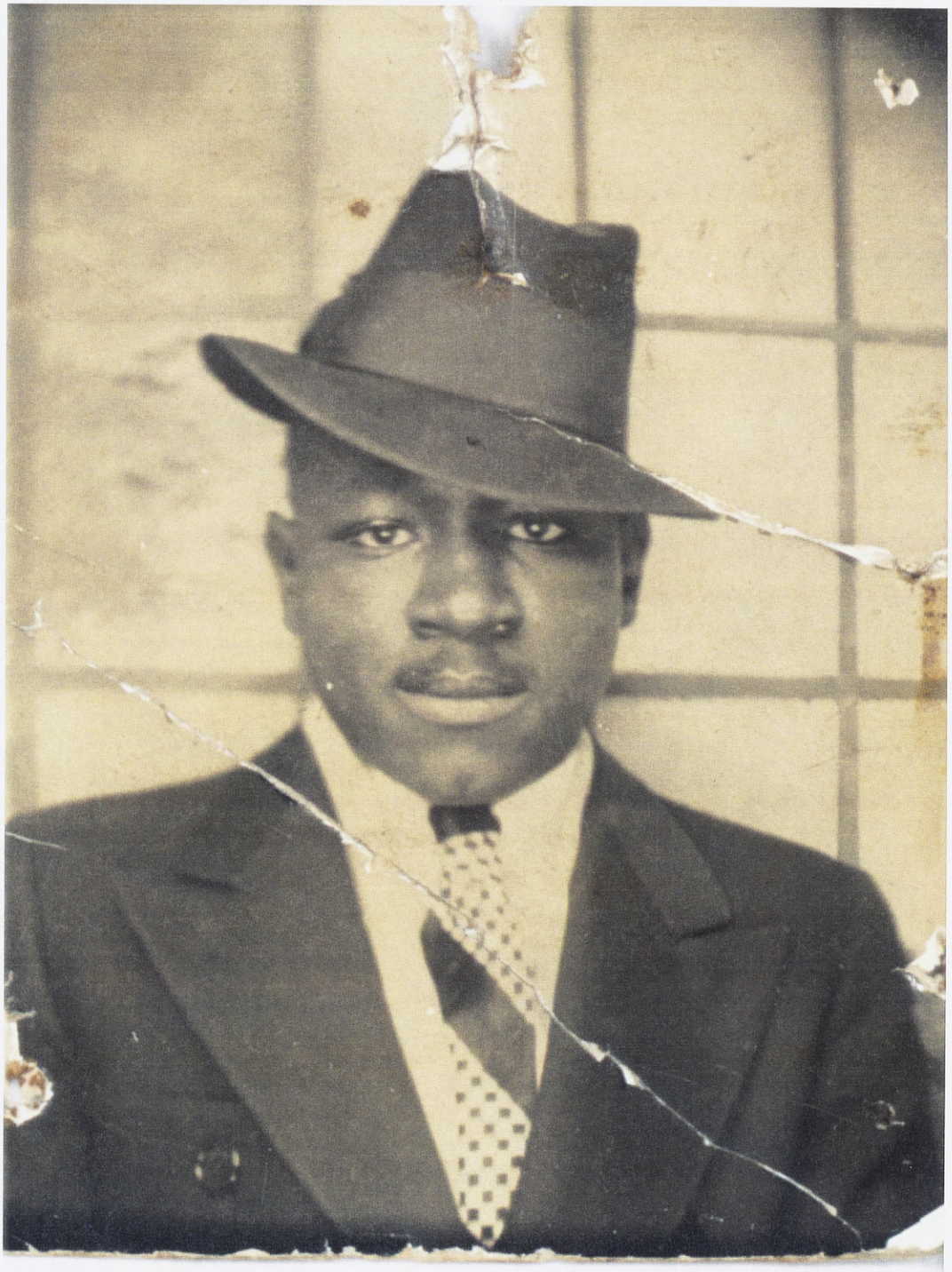
















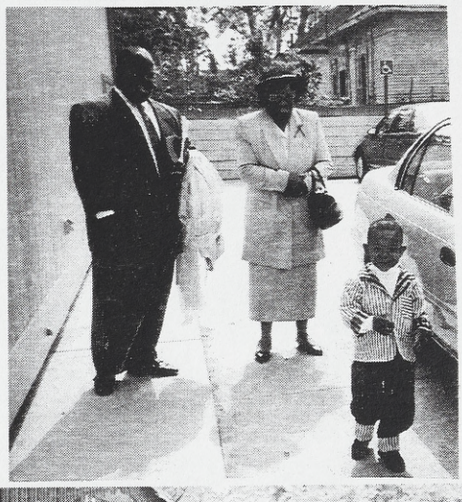












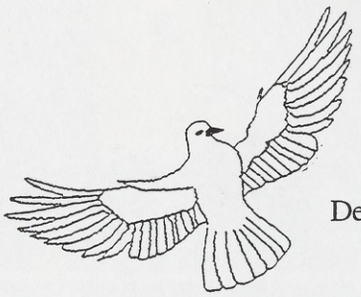




Pall Bearers

~ Bob Houston ~ ~ John DeRoven ~ ~ Kevin Price ~

~ Brian Neal ~ ~ Willie Cooper ~ ~ Ben Goodman ~



Honorary Pall Bearers

Deaconess Board of Mt. Olive Church of God In Christ

Mt. Olive Mother's Board

She Was Different

She was different, she was special, unique in a thousand ways. She was loving and she was giving, and we'll miss her all our days. There are those who strive for praise, they yearn for world applause. There are some who chase sweet comfort, as their one and only cause. BUT SHE WAS DIFFERENT

She knew sorrow in great measure, and was stung by illness too. But nothing could defeat her, nothing her faith subdue. And when she saw death coming, she didn't cower in fear. Instead she called out boldly, "My Lord I'm over here."

Of course the Lord will welcome her, and his angels magnifying. In that beautiful celestial place, devoid of pain and crying. But forgive us Lord for pining, for wishing she was here. It's so hard to give up someone, we have come to love so dear.

Because you see, she was different, she was special, unique in a thousand ways. She was loving, she was giving, and we will miss her, miss her, all our days.

..... The Family .....

To Those I Love & Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do. You must not tie yourself to me in tears. But be happy that we had so many years together.

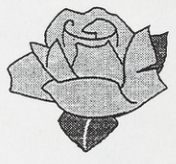
I gave you love -- you can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love that each of you have shown to me. But now it's time I must travel on alone.

So grieve for me a short while, if grieve you must. Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It is only for a little while that we must part, so bless the memories with your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on. So, if you need me, call and I will come ...

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near, and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone. I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home."

With Great Appreciation

We truly appreciates the sincere kindness and consideration shown to us through your prayers, messages, flowers, visits, and other expressions of sympathy. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated and never forgotten.



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